

MEETING MINUTES AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
WEARE NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 6, 2010

FINAL VERSION

Present: Mr. George Malette, Mrs. Wendy Stevens, Mr. Paul Gannon, Mr. Luke Drake guests Mr. Rick Barry and Ms. Lisa Johnson

Absent: Paul Bessey, Robert Pare, and David Trumble, Mr. Ian McSweeney,

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm.

The previous meeting minutes were briefly reviewed. Minor format changes were made and Wendy motioned to accept. The motion was seconded by George. The vote was unanimous.

Mr Rick Barry attended the meeting and although as a guest he has been appointed to the commission as a new member with only a swearing in needed to finalize the appointment.

The site to plant the donated Granite Beauty apple trees was discussed. The final determination will need to be made by the selectmen. An effort to gain the aid of local businesses and people to donate time to maintain the trees was discussed as was the commission taking the lead on maintenance. Wendy made a motion for the Agricultural Commission to assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Granite Beauty apple & second apple tree to be planted on the Stone Building grounds. Luke seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Members of the commission will be holding a seminar at the town hall on May 21 covering topics concerning edible landscapes and “victory gardens”

A walk through of the Ilsely property by the Weare Conservation Commission is scheduled for May 18 at 4:30. It was recommended the members of the agricultural commission attend the walk through.

There was no addition information available for this year’s CWES garden project. Luke was going to coordinate with school representatives.

The second commission potluck is scheduled for June 26. A possible speaking guest would be Lemay's processing in Goffstown. The idea is to talk in detail to those unfamiliar with the process of processing livestock. To nail down what a good topic would be it was suggested that the commission newsletter inquire as to what topics would be of interest to those attending the potluck.

Agricultural property and activity was discussed briefly. Wendy produced a working list of those in Weare participating in some form of agricultural activity. The New England Small Farm Institute was mentioned as a good source to locate or advertise agricultural property in Weare.

The commission reviewed the subdivision plan for property on Center St. There is nothing in the plan that caused any concern for the commission regarding the deposition of prime agricultural soils. Wendy motioned that a letter be sent to the planning board informing them that the agricultural commission had no objections at this time. George seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Paul V. Gannon
Secretary
Weare Agricultural Commission